

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 1-5 are pending in this application, of which claims 1 and 4 are independent. All the claims stand rejected. In this Amendment, the specification has been amended to correct typographic oversights.

II. The Objection to the Specification

The Examiner stated that it is unclear about the meaning of the term “front side flames FC” in the specification. In response, the specification has been amended to correct the term to be --front side frames FC--. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

III. The Rejection of Claims 1-5

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakayoshi et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0152944) in view of Lin (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0259443), and Wu (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2005/0047111); and claims 4 and 5 have also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Nakayoshi et al. in view of Lin, and Buelow, II et al. (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0184284).

Applicant respectfully traverses these rejections because Nakayoshi et al., Lin, Wu, and Buelow, II et al. are not entitled to be prior art to the present application. The present application has an international filing date of September 9, 2002, which is earlier than the effective filing dates of Nakayoshi et al., Lin, Wu, and Buelow, II et al., as shown below:

Nakayoshi et al. : June 27, 2005¹
Lin : March 23, 2005
Wu : March 31, 2004
Buelow, II et al. : March 7, 2003

Therefore, Nakayoshi et al., Lin, Wu, and Buelow, II et al. are not prior art to the present application. As such, the proposed combination of Nakayoshi et al., Lin, and Wu to reject claims 1-3, and the proposed combination of Nakayoshi et al., Lin, and Buelow, II et al. to reject claims 4 and 5, is not permissible, and must be withdrawn.

Applicant, therefore, submits that the imposed rejection of claims 1-3 under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicted upon Nakayoshi et al. in view of Lin and Wu, and claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §103 for obviousness predicted upon Nakayoshi et al. in view of Lin and Buelow, II et al., are not viable and, hence, respectfully solicits withdrawal thereof.

IV. Conclusion

It should, therefore, be apparent that the imposed rejections have been overcome and that all pending claims are in condition for immediate allowance. Favorable consideration is, therefore, respectfully solicited.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper,

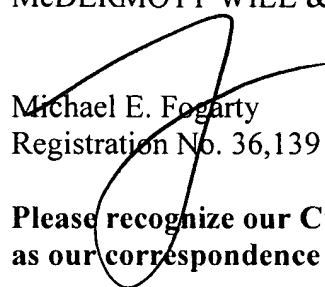
¹ Nakayoshi et al. has an international filing date of December 22, 2003, but was filed in Japanese language, and therefore the effective filing date for purposes of being a prior art reference is June 27, 2005.

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